

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER . . .

CHURCH FAMILY:
Bert, Ryan and Savannah Taylor and the Smith family upon the death of Louise Smith; Eunice Jones; Connie Fletcher; Dorothy Wright; Julia Butler; Barbara Gillespie; Doris Branam. *Heritage Hall:* Betty Kelly.
OTHERS:
Giselle Bowen’s brother, Gary Casey; Pam Taylor; family of SSG Justin Wathen; Linda Riley; family of Bob Altizer; Mitchell and Linda Cooper; Jerry Vencill; Scott Jordan (Andrew Jordan’s father); Kim McGraw’s mother; Dr. Brenda Lawson; Kathy Melton Jackson.
Active Military Service: Jon Wright.
TO PASS ALONG A PRAYER REQUEST:
Contact Eunice Jones at (276.988.4412) jnseun@aol.com); or the church office at (276.988.4724; sectazpresb12@yahoo.com). Names will remain on the Prayer List for 4 weeks, unless otherwise requested.

THIS WEEK

Today: Oct 9		
Worship Service	9 A.M.	Black’s Chapel
Bible Study	10:10 A.M.	Fellowship Hall/ Zoom
Worship Service	11 A.M.	Sanctuary
Monday, Oct 10		
Boy Scouts	6 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Oct 11		
Fellowship & Mission Committee	7 P.M.	TBD
Wednesday, Oct 12		
Outreach Drop Off	by 9:30 A.M.	Church Kitchen
Outreach Luncheon	11 A.M.	Fellowship Hall
Adventure Time	3:30 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, Oct 13		
Women’s Circle	10 A.M.	Church Parlor/Zoom
Saturday, Oct 15		
Mountaintop	(see announcement)	Royal Oak PC/Marion
Sunday, Oct 16 <i>Children’s Sabbath</i>		
Worship Service	9 A.M.	Black’s Chapel
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Worship Service	11 A.M.	Sanctuary

Attendance and Financial Giving Snapshot
Oct. 2 Black’s Chapel: 8 TPC: 35 Livestream: 9 Total: 52
Oct. 2 Donations: \$2,462.00 Hunger Offering: \$119.00
Sept. Expenses: \$5,167.72 (includes payroll taxes & VA taxes)
Salaries: \$6,499.22 (for month of Sept.)

Bulletin Art:
Leaves of Autumn. Photo, artist unknown. **From Art in the Christian Tradition:** a project of Vanderbilt Divinity School Library.

Health Precaution: Masks and hand-sanitizers are available at the exits.

**Tazewell Presbyterian Church
& Black’s Chapel**
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mountaintop is Next Saturday!
The Education and Leadership Development committee of Abingdon Presbytery are excited for this year’s new and redesigned Mountaintop. Everyone is invited to come to Royal Oak Presbyterian Church in Marion on Saturday, October 15 for music, fellowship, and learning. This year’s theme is “Seeing Mission Through a Different Lens” with guest speaker Robert Gamble, the executive director of *This Child Here*, a ministry to street children in Ukraine. We’ll also hear about mission and outreach being done by churches within our presbytery. Registration begins at 8:30, and Valley Grass will begin playing at 9:20. After the event, you’re invited to experience the area around Marion. Eat downtown, enjoy the shops, go hiking at Hungry Mother. Make a day of it, and come gather with us!

Hurricane Disaster Assistance
Your gifts to the ***One Great Hour of Sharing*** provide core funding for the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), enabling immediate response to national and international disasters such as Hurricane Ian and strengthening ongoing work such as training and development, refugee ministry, and response to disasters that do not receive media attention. OGHS funds are divided among Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People (SDOP), and the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP). 32% of the offering goes to SDOP, 32% of the offering goes to PDA and 36% goes to PHP. To designate your OGHS gift to PDA, please use the special account number [OG100000 - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#).

Food Pantry Emphasis for October: “boxed dessert mixes”
Donations may be placed in the basket in the church narthex. Thank you!

<i>How Do You Know?</i>		
Pontius Pilate asked Jesus, “What is truth?” How do you know what is really true? How do you distinguish truth from falsehood? Fact from fiction? In this series we consider not simply what it means to talk about the content of truth, but how we know the truth to be true, and live it.		
Aug 28	Truth Is Relational	<i>John 14:1-7; Phil. 1:3-11</i>
Sept 4	When Truth Changes	<i>John 8:1-11</i>
Sept 11	Truth and Consequences	<i>John 18:33-19:7</i>
Sept 18	Seeing Our Blindness	<i>Mark 10:46-52</i>
Sept 25	The Truth About Following	<i>Luke 14:25-33</i>
	<i>Rev. Jennifer Powell</i>	
Oct 2	When Suffering Comes	<i>John 9:1-12</i>
Oct 9	The Truth About Knowing	<i>John 3:1-10</i>

Tazewell Presbyterian Church
Black’s Presbyterian Chapel

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
OCTOBER 9, 2022 – 9:00 & 11:00 AM



THE GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR AND PRELUDE *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*
arr. John Carter

WORDS OF WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

In the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
let us worship God!

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us
WESTMINSTER ABBEY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, forgive us
when we know not what we are doing:
 when we are too distracted to notice someone in need
 when we repeat generalizations that have been passed down to us
 when we deny that prejudice and privilege are real.
Forgive us also
when we know exactly what we are doing:
 when we judge our neighbors rather than love them
 when we exclude someone because they are not like us
 when we actively turn aside from your ways in favor of our own.
Forgive us, we pray,
and make us better than we have proven ourselves to be. *(Silent prayer)*

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*RESPONSE

Gloria Patri
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER (11:00) Barbara Kincer

SCRIPTURE

John 3:1-10 *(pg. 864)*
Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him,

 “Very truly, I tell you,
 no one can see the kingdom of God
 without being born from above.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered,

“Very truly, I tell you,
no one can enter the kingdom of God
without being born of water and Spirit.
What is born of the flesh is flesh,
and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.
Do not be astonished that I said to you,
‘You must be born from above.’
The wind blows where it chooses,
and you hear the sound of it,
but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.
So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him,
“Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “*The Truth About Knowing*” Dave Gilbert

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 291 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*
SPIRIT

*INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Pastorale*
Robert Lau

*DOXOLOGY
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy Kingdom come,
 thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
 as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 619 *Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven*
LAUDA ANIMA

*BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY AND POSTLUDE